



Parking Implementation and Governance Committee

Meeting Date: June 23, 2015

Time: 7:45—9:00 am

Location: Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Steve Biagioni (Arlington Catholic), Steve Byrne (Selectmen), Adam Chapdelaine (Town Manager), Steve Gilligan (Treasurer), Mike Gordon (resident), John Hurd (Chamber of Commerce), Mike Morse (Treasurer), Howard Muisse (TAC), Corey Rateau (Police), Leland Stein (Arl. Ctr. Merchants), Laura Wiener (Planning)

Non-members present: Seth Federspiel (TAC), Mary Lou Ward (ACMI)

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of June 9 meeting approved unanimously.

Electric Vehicles. Seth Federspiel from TAC requested the Committee to consider electric vehicle charging stations for the Russell Common Parking Lot, in keeping with the Town's sustainability goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There are 2 major networks available, Chargepoint and Blink. Charging station installation can cost \$10-20,000, but the electric charging cost is minimal--\$1-5.00 per fill up. State offers subsidy to employers for workplace charging stations, up to 50% of hardware costs. Cambridge estimates that their stations are used 1/3 to 1/2 of the time, and are available 24/7. There is one at the Porter Square shopping center that is well utilized. Cambridge charges by the hour for its use. Steve Byrne noted that the Vision 2020 survey revealed an appetite to increase Electric Vehicle usage. Steve Gilligan did not support the Town becoming an energy provider. Most people would have the ability to charge at home in their garage. Howard noted that there is already electricity in the lot. Leland thought it helps make the Town more attractive to customers from out of town. Steve Byrne agrees, though cost is the issue. Dedicating 1-2 spaces would not be a problem. Adam noted that the Energy Working Group has been talking about it for 4 years. Is it the right time? The Town should get a revenue stream for it. Steve Gilligan noted the cost of administration. Committee decided to put it on hold until a decision is made about taxi stands and other uses in the lot.

Russell Common Parking Lot. Multi-space meters are due to be installed by the end of August. Wayne needs to put out to bid concrete pads. Existing meters are failing but not worth it to fix. Adam asked if it was time to stop charging in the lot. Steve Byrne will bring to Selectmen. Steve Gilligan asked if Farmers Market permit holders should get refunds. Steve Byrne will bring it up with the Selectmen.

Signs. Adam will bring sign drawings for next meeting.

Taxi stands. Maryann Sullivan surveyed taxi license holders. Three (3) of 10 responded. They are opposed to removing taxi stands, taxi drivers need to go somewhere and cannot park in regular parking spaces. Might make sense to allow use of Mass. Ave. spaces after 8pm for night-time restaurants with liquor. Adam and Steve Byrne will talk to taxi companies. Try it for a few months and monitor usage by customers. Corey will look at the #87 bus stop in Broadway Plaza to see if it would be a good place for a night time taxi stand, and how many taxis can fit there.

Handi-capped accessible parking spaces. Laura, Corey and Mike Rademacher met to discuss ADA parking in Arlington Center. They felt that the number of spaces was sufficient (5% of total spaces, on and off street), but perhaps a space on Medford Street near Mass. Ave. would be warranted. Laura will ask Mike R. to talk to Disabilities Commission about ADA parking in Arlington Center.

Single space meters. Interview with IPS scheduled for July 14. Laura asked about funding. Steve Gilligan and Adam both noted the Town's ability to finance parking meter purchase and installation to be repaid through meter revenue. Laura will ask IPS to also discuss a lease arrangement with minimal up front cost.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Workplan for next meeting.

Adam/Steve Byrne—talk to taxi companies about proposed changes

Steve Byrne—bring to Selectmen turning off meters for the summer, until new meters are installed. Farmers Market permit holders refund.

Adam—sign mock-ups for parking lot

Laura—ask IPS for lease proposal.

Future meetings scheduled

Tuesday July 14, 8:00 am, IPS single space meter interview